Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 22 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 21 Dec 2023 at 16:25

Confidence: High confidence for windy conditions until Boxing Day with periods of gales for the first few days, showery conditions on Friday and Saturday may make walking conditions poor with spells of poor visibility.

Headline for Friday 22 Dec 2023: Showers at times, especially in the west, otherwise a few bright spells but mostly cloudy and remaining very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 22 Dec 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Light rain showers (night)	Dull	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	40%	20%	20%	20%	20%	50%

Forecast for Friday 22 Dec 2023

Weather: Scattered blustery showers early in the day but becoming mostly cloudy and dry during daylight hours with one or two blustery showers. A few brighter spells over in the east with the odd afternoon cloud break possible.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 70%, low cloud associated with showers early in the day.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered cloud above 500m can be expected early in the day. Otherwise most summits becoming clear although lower cloud may skirt the summits in the west at times. Visibility will be moderate or good out with showers but turning poor in showers temporarily.

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Forecast for Friday 22 Dec 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	41/57 NW	44/63 NW	48/68 W	44/64 W	42/61 W	40/58 W	37/53 W	37/53 W	37/54 W
300	22/40 W	25/45 NW	27/48 W	26/45 W	25/44 W	24/42 W	22/38 W	22/39 W	23/40 W
Valley	17/38 W	20/42 NW	22/45 W	20/42 W	19/40 W	19/39 W	17/35 W	17/35 W	19/37 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	5/-2	6/-1	5/-2	5/-3	5/-2	5/-2	5/-2	5/-1	6/-1
300	7/3	8/3	8/2	7/2	8/3	8/3	7/3	7/3	8/3
Valley	9/5	9/5	9/5	8/4	9/5	9/5	8/5	9/5	9/6
<< Freezing Level*	1500m	1500m	1500m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1500m	1700m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Feeling cold in the hills in the very strong winds, especially gusty around any showers. Storm force gusts are possible in the morning, greater than 70mph.

Forecast for Saturday 23 Dec 2023

Weather: Light rain or drizzle expected at times on Saturday with strong westerly winds continuing, severe gales for much of the day. Perhaps some drier conditions during the afternoon but remaining mostly cloudy and quite dull.

Maximum wind: Westerly 40-45mph gusts 50-60mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 40%, persistent low cloud particularly in the west of the range.

Low cloud and visibility: Perhaps some cloud free tops during the morning but low cloud tending to form especially around western tops, becoming broken with bases above 500m. Visibility will be moderate or poor for much of the day.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 10 Celsius.
At 700m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above all summits.

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